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Chair Marsh House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

RE: Support for HB 3220 with -2 Amendment

Greetings,

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy, Members of the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee, The Waldport City Council have asked me to urge your support for the -2 amendment to HB 3220.

As you know, Oregon's E-Cycles program is an important part of dealing with electronic wastes. E-Waste is the fastest growing sector of solid waste. If not handled properly, this waste can be hazardous to public and the environment.

Until the fall of 2021, the program worked well. However, at that time we learned that the producers were projecting to over-collect in calendar year 2022. Their response was to drop several sites from the program. Many of these sites were in rural locations, where alternatives are scarce. For our service area in East and South Lincoln County, we were scheduled to go from two drop-off locations to zero locations. That would have meant losing over 57,700 pounds of electronic waste into the garbage, as most residents would not have driven out of the area to dispose of their waste properly.

HB 3220 (with the -2 Amendment) makes the changes this program needs to better serve all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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Dann Cutter, Čity Manager on behalf of the Waldport City Council and citizens of Waldport The City of Waldport